





give the Navy a chance of recovering from a partial defeat. We cannot allow that Admiral Colom has succeeded, if such were his intent, in sinking that view. It is a point of some interest to note that Admiral Colom finds some use for military garrisons in that they should be used as a weaker weapon of protection to move and to weaker ports, but not by the enemy. This lesson is to be learned from the various actions in the West India in the old wars. The question of military garrisons is affected, no doubt, by the introduction of steam power and the decline of the sailing ship. In former days the only possible possessions were more liable to attack than were the British, and hence we can now have a more effective defense to that extent. But as we have often observed, the old predominance of the British Navy is threatened by the growth of foreign fleets, and a strong combination of naval powers, the necessity of guarding against raids on the coast, and the like. It is to be regretted that the former were colonists, and that they are sealing ports in addition, so that the enemy would have a double object in attacking them. Naval and Military Record.

## SHIFTING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Gloucester*, from Liverpool, and Singapore, 3rd March, had fine weather.

The German steamer *Wittelsbach*, from Hamburg, and Liverpool, 3rd March, had very high sea the last two days from N.E.

The Chinese steamer *Fusang*, from Shanghai 6th March, had moderate to fresh N.E. winds and fine weather throughout from port to port. Passed British gunboat *Redpole*, off Amoy, bound south, under sail.

## EXPORT CARGOES.

Per steamer *Asgard*, sailed on the 3rd March. For London—200 cwt. of silk, 200 cwt. of cottons, 70 cases chinaware, 14 cases blackware, 233 cases palm leaf fans, 50 cases feathers, 817 bales hemp, 67 bales canes, 50 rolls mat, 720 bags rum, 35 packages shells, 9 packages sundries from Foochow, 114 packages tea, and 15 bales feathers. For London and/or Manchester—75 bales waste silk. For London and/or Hamburg—100 bales cotton, 100 bales cotton, 100 bales for Liverpool—1,450 bales linen. For Glasgow—250 cases and 50 cases ginger. For Bury—50 cases glassware.

Per P. & O. steamer *Coronation*, sailed on the 5th March. For Liverpool—50 bales waste silk. For London and/or Manchester—175 bales waste silk. For London and/or Liverpool—20 bales tea, from China, 1 case sugar, 1 case of dried fruit, 1 case blackwood, 16 cases cotton, 2 cases silk pique goods, 4 cases canes, 2 bales sandrics and 550 rolls mat and matting. For France—284 bales raw silk, and 1 case silk pique goods. For Milan—20 bales raw silk.

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